

Minutes of the Mt. Vernon – Black Township Park and Recreation Board Meeting February 20th, 2008

The Mt. Vernon – Black Township Parks and Recreation Department Board held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 20th, 2008, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizen Center at 6:00 p.m. Attending the meeting were: Park Board President – Ron Bennett, Members – Linc Baro, Kelly Cox and Synda Waters, Superintendent John Tate and Park Board Secretary- Debra Scott.

Members not present were: Kay Cox.

The motion to authorize payment of claims was made by Linc Baro and seconded by Synda Waters. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the minutes as written or corrected from the January 16th, 2008, meeting was made by Synda Waters and seconded by Linc Baro. Motion carried.

The motion to approve the balance of accounts to be entered into the minutes subject to audit for February 20th, 2008, was made by Kelly Cox and seconded by Synda Waters. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Cumulative Capital Fund- Mr. Tate stated he had no news about the Cumulative Capital Fund. Mr. Tate stated that he did e-mail City Attorney Beth McFadin Higgins. As of meeting time Mr. Tate had not received any response.
2. Financial Situation- Mr. Tate stated the Parks Department did receive about 80% of the tax money, possibly the other 20% will come in May. Mr. Tate stated all borrowed funds have been paid back, leaving the Parks Department with about \$194,000.00 to operate on.
3. Year End Report- Mr. Tate asked if there were any questions after the Board had reviewed the Year End Report. The Board had no comments.
4. CPO Course for Pool Manager- Mr. Tate stated that Ms. Fulwider was ill last month when the course was being given in Chicago. Ms. Fulwider will attend the CPO Course in May, held near Indianapolis.
5. Encumbered Purchases- Mr. Tate stated he would like to go ahead and order the playground equipment from Serendipity Playsystems. Mr. Tate had a Sales quotation from Serendipity dated back from November 2007, which was for \$7,181.00. Mr. Tate stated The Parks Department received a grant for \$3,800 last May, and he had encumbered \$2,000.00 into budget line #362, from the 2007 budget. The 2008 budget has \$2,000.00 appropriated in line #362 for a total of \$7,800.00, which Mr. Tate says will be enough to cover the playground equipment at Brittlebank Park.
Mr. Tate encumbered \$5,910.00 into budget line #360 for the purchase of five new doors at Brittlebank swimming pool / shelter house. Three doors will be installed at the Shelter house #1, for the men and women's bathrooms, and one for the storage room. Mr. Linc Baro asked if any of the doors were double doors, Mr. Tate said double doors will be installed at the swimming pool, and the rest are

single doors with dead bolt locks. The Board gave Mr. Tate the go ahead to proceed with these two projects.

6. Background Checks- Mr. Tate passed out the background check form that the Department will be having the coaches to fill out. Mr. Tate stated we are in the same shape as last year. Mr. Tate applied to the State, for tax exemption status and was denied again. After a lengthy discussion on back ground checks, Mr. Kelly Cox offered to talk with School Superintendent Keith Spurgeon on the matter, and see if possibly the school could run our coaches through their system. Mr. Tate stated he was going to Huntingburg on Thursday, February 21st to meet with other Park & Recreation Directors and he should have the opportunity to discuss how they handle background checks on their coaches. The issue was tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Adult Softball Field- Mr. Tate stated he had spoke to Greg Russell about a sink hole near the men's softball field. The hole is three to four foot deep. Greg Russell did come out and take a look at the problem. He recommended either fill the holes with dirt, or take a backhoe and dig up the sink hole and see what is causing the problem and then backfill the hole. Mr. Russell said it would not cost over \$1,000 for this job. Mrs. Synda Waters made the motion for Russell's Excavating to dig up the sink hole and see what is causing the problem, but do not exceed \$1,000. Mr. Linc Baro seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Motion was made to adjourn by Linc Baro and seconded by Synda Waters.

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned

John Tate, Superintendent

Ron Bennett, Board President

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 19th, 2008, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizens Center.